BOROUGH OF BEWDLEY.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR

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42 High St
Beverley
Feb 26 1902

Dear Sir

I enclose a printed copy of my Annual Report to the Beverley Town Council for the Library.

Yours very truly

Trevor Webster
Mayor

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL of BEWDLEY.

Bewdley,

January 15th, 1902.

Gentlemen,

Death Rate.

During the year ending December 31st, 1901, there have been 39 Deaths registered, giving a rate of 13·60 per 1000. This is not only below the average, but is the lowest annual death rate for over ten years in the Borough.

Of the Deaths registered there were

under 1 year	8
over 1 year and under 5 years	2
over 5 years and under 15 years	1
over 15 years and under 25 years	1
over 25 years and under 65 years	10
over 65 years	17
	39

Infantile Mortality.

It will thus be seen that two-fifths of the Deaths occurred in persons over 65 years of age, and it will also be seen that only 8 deaths were recorded under 1 year, giving an Infantile Mortality of 91 per 1000, this is below the average and is the lowest recorded in the Borough for over ten years.

Birth Rate.

During the same period there were 87 births registered, giving a rate of 30·35 per 1000.

Census.

The census being taken this year shows 2866 population, which a decrease of 10, and the inhabited houses as 668, which is an increase of 19.

Notification of Diseases Act.

Under the Notification of Diseases Act 3 cases of Erysipelas (over 5 years of age) and 17 cases of Scarlet Fever (15 over 5 years and 2 under 5 years) were notified. There being no means of proper Isolation 9 of the cases were sent to the Isolation Hospital, and as the cases were spread about the Borough I think this stopped an Epidemic.

From other Zymotic Disease the Borough has been free.

Water.

The Local Government Board having sanctioned a scheme for providing the Borough with a good supply of Pure Water, the Council proceeded with the matter and it was commenced in the early part of the year and is going on satisfactorily, so that in a short time the inhabitants may look forward to an abundant supply, a need that has been long felt.

Housing of the Working Classes Act.

Under the Housing of the Working Classes Act many representations have been made and recommendations carried out.

Five houses have been closed, four have been made fit for habitation, and one prosecution was necessary.

Systematic Inspection.

Regularly carried out by Mr. Humpherson and myself.

House Accommodation.

As before mentioned the census shows an increase of House accommodation and is sufficient for the inhabitants, though many are very old and damp, and now that there will soon be a water supply it is to be hoped it will be an incentive for the building of new ones.

Over-crowding.

Two cases were deal with during the year.

Drainage. The Main Sewers remain in the same condition, but many of the drains have been re-laid and repaired and the old brick drains, when found, have been done away with.

Excrement Disposal and Scavenging. The Council, having found that the contract system for this work was not at all satisfactory decided to manage the matter themselves, since which time a great improvement has taken place and the Borough is in a far better state.

Burial Ground. Satisfactory.

Canal Boats. Regularly inspected.

Bake-houses. Regularly inspected and in a satisfactory condition.

Slaughter-houses. Regularly inspected and in a satisfactory condition.

Dairies, Cow-sheds and Milkshops. Satisfactory and regularly inspected.

Offensive Trades. None.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act. No Case.

Food Unfit for Human Consumption. No Case.

Bye-Laws. Duly carried out.

River Pollution. In the same state as last year.

Industries. Agriculture, Horn Manufacture. Brassfounding, Basket Making, Carpet Making and Wool Spinning (at Kidderminster), Rope Making and Tanning.

Vans & Tents. None except at Fair time when they are inspected.

Fruit and Pea Pickers. Generally composed of residents.

Factories and Workshops. Inspected and found satisfactory.

Special Reports. None.

Conclusion. In concluding this Report I would point out that with the exception of the few cases of Erysipelas and Scarlet Fever the Borough has been free from Zymotic Disease and that the general health has been good during the year.

I append tables.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

TREVOR WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE A.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1901.

Area in acres, 2070. Population 1881, 3088. Population 1891, 2870. Decrease, 1881-1891, 218. Estimated Population, 1901, 2866.

Mortality per 1000 of Population living during same period.

Birth Rate, 30·35 Death Rate, 13·60. Zymotic Death Rate, ·34. Inf. Mortal, 91. Phthisis Death Rate, Nil. Resp. Death Rate, 1·74. Smallpox Death Rate, Nil. Measles Death Rate, Nil. Scarlatina Death Rate, Nil. Diphtheria and Membranous Croup Death Rate, Nil. Whooping Cough Death Rate, Nil. Fever Death Rate, Nil. Diarrhœa Death Rate, ·34. Enteritis Death Rate, 1·04. Cancer, Malignant Disease Death Rate, ·69.

	Scarlatina.	Erysipelas.
Cases	17	3
Hospital Cases	9	

Diseases prevalent—None. Period—No. Schools Closed—None.

TABLE I.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Deaths under One Year of Age.		Deaths at all Ages. Total.		Deaths in Public Institutions.	Deaths at all Ages, Nett.	
		Number.	* Rate.	Number.	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number.	* Rate.		Number.	* Rate.
1891.	2876	75	26·13	20	266	62	21·6	Nil.	62	21·6
1892.	2876	106	38·68	10	94	48	16·6	Nil.	48	16·6
1893.	2876	86	29·65	8	93	51	17·58	Nil.	51	17·58
1894.	2876	102	35·17	13	132	44	15·17	Nil.	44	15·17
1895.	2876	64	22·2	14	216	60	20·86	Nil.	60	20·86
1896.	2876	84	29·20	13	154	53	18·43	Nil.	53	18·43
1897.	2876	88	30·59	11	125	43	14·95	Nil.	43	14·95
1898.	2876	72	25·03	11	152	42	14·60	Nil.	42	14·60
1899.	2876	76	26·42	12	157	41	14·25	Nil.	41	14·25
1900.	2876	71	24·68	7	98	51	17·73	Nil.	51	17·73
Averages for years 1891-1900.	2876	82	28·77	11	148	49	17·17	Nil.	49	17·17
1901.	2866	87	30·35	8	91	39	13·69	Nil.	39	13·60

* Rates calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Total population at all ages, 2866. Number of inhabited houses, 668. Average number of persons per house, 4, at census of 1901. Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water) 2070.

TABLE II.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1891.	2876	75	62	20
1892.	2876	106	48	10
1893.	2876	86	51	8
1894.	2876	102	44	13
1895.	2876	64	60	14
1896.	2876	84	53	13
1897.	2876	88	43	11
1898.	2876	72	42	11
1899.	2876	76	41	12
1900.	2876	71	51	7
Averages of years 1891-1900.	2876	82	49	11
1901.	2866	87	39	8

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1901.

Notifiable Disease.	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					Removed to Hospital.
		1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	65 and upw'rds	
Erysipelas ..	3				2	1	
Scarlet Fever..	17	2	13	1	1		9
Totals ..	20	2	13	1	3	1	9

Isolation Hospital, Kidderminster.

TABLE IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1901.

Causes of Death.	All ages.	Under 1	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
Diarrhœa	1	1					
Enteritis	3	1	1				1
Cancer, malignant disease	2						2
Bronchitis	3	2					1
Pneumonia	2	1	1				
Alcoholism, Cirrhosis of liver	1					1	
Premature Birth	2	2					
Heart Diseases	8				1	4	3
Accidents	2					1	1
All other causes	15	1		1		5	8
All causes	39	8	2	1	1	11	16